

WYCOMBE THROUGH CUP ROUGH-HOUSE

By "CHILTERN"

Wycombe Wanderers 4, Chesham United 3.

IF Chesham United limped backed over the hills on Saturday night after this Berks and Bucks third round rough-house, they have only themselves to blame. They began the kick and push in the first-half and did not like it when Wycombe began to hit back in the second-half.

It was an appalling game of football. The players stooped to slinging mud at each other and to having minor punch-ups behind the referee's back. And pennies were thrown at the Chesham goalkeeper.

There were three penalties and dozens of free-kicks. It was typical Berks and Bucks local derby stuff, with Chesham prepared to bring the game down to village green level to keep in the competition which they won last year.

One can only be thankful that Wanderers restrained themselves until the second-half—or anything might have happened. And they can be understood, if not condoned, for retaliating when they did.

The brawl began when Scott first body-checked and then grassed Bates on the right flank. From one of the free-kicks a Samuel's header was cleared off the line by Wakefield.

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King had a go at Beck, and Scott was warned by referee Mr. Appleton for constantly using doubtful methods.

In the 26th minute Lumley made a fine save to Horseman and a minute later Bates scored from the penalty spot after Beck had been tripped by Kelly.

The Chesham inside-right Wood was hurt in the very first tackle of the match, and after 17 minutes left the field for treatment. When he returned 12 minutes later he was nothing but a passenger for the rest of the game.

Just before half-time King broke through and scored a fine goal to equalise for Chesham. Gathering the ball well out he ran through and shot hard with his left foot from the edge of the penalty area, giving reserve goalkeeper Bunting little chance.

Two minutes after the interval Merrick went through on his own after taking a peach of a pass from Horseman. His shot beat the advancing Lumley and bounced home off a post.

Five minutes later he repeated his performance, intercepting a Dunton pass and making a fine solo run before beating Lumley again.

In the 59th minute Gale gave away a penalty, tripping King. Scott's penalty was partially saved by Bunting, and McCaffrey scored after Scott's follow-through had rebounded.

Bates headed Wycombe further

ahead from a fine pass by Horseman and King committed one of the worst fouls of the game on Baker, before missing a golden opportunity to score.

Chesham were awarded their second penalty after King was brought down by Rundle, and A. Dunton scored from the spot after the referee ordered the kick to be retaken.

The game descended into the depths before the end. Samuels and Roberts had a scrap behind the ref's back, Rundle dropped King, and the Chesham 'keeper complained he was having pennies thrown at him from the terraces.

Wycombe Wanderers.—C. Bunting, D. Bradshaw, J. Beck; B. Baker, I. Rundle, C. Gale; P. Royston, K. Samuels, P. Bates, T. Horseman, L. Merrick.

Chesham United.—R. Lumley; A. Dunton, B. Wakefield; P. Kelly, B. Dunton, M. Scott; D. King, T. Wood, N. Roberts, M. McCaffrey, C. Bristow.